



Attorney Docket No. A-58634-7 (468081-19)/RFT/RMS/RMK

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

MEADE et al.,

Serial No.: 09/866,512

Filed: May 24, 2001

For: *Magnetic Resonance
Imaging Agents for the
Detection of Physiological
Agents*

Group No. 1616

Examiner: Dameron Levest Jones

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Box Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Communication mailed January 21, 2003. The response is timely filed on or before the due date of February 21, 2003. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Order No. A-58634-7 (468081-19)/RFT/RMS/RMK).

The Office Communication states that the reply filed on 10/30/02 in response to the restriction requirement and election of species is non-responsive because a specific peptide was not elected as the blocking moiety. Applicants hereby elect PMALWMR as the peptide blocking moiety. **This election is made with traverse.**

Please amend the above identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend the following claim:

29. (Amended) An MRI agent according to claim 12, 13, or 14 wherein
~~~~~ is a dextran polymer;

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